ANNUAL REPORT

for the fiscal year
ending March 31, 2000

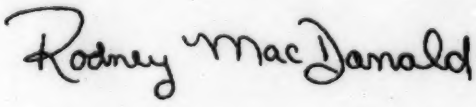
Sport and Recreation Commission

To Her Honour
The Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia

May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Sport and Recreation Commission, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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F.A. (Tony) Martin
Executive Director

MISSION

The object and purpose of the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission is to

- enhance the quality of life of Nova Scotians through the development, encouragement, establishment, coordination, implementation, and promotion of sport and recreational programs and services and
- develop excellence in programs and services which preserve and develop the traditional values, quality of life, and environment of Nova Scotians.

MANDATE

The Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission together with citizens, communities, other governments, municipalities, agencies, and private-sector organizations are jointly responsible for achieving acceptable results in the following areas:

- level of physical activity of individuals, families, and communities
- condition and sustainability of sport and recreation facilities
- equitable access to sport, recreation, and fitness opportunities
- participation and performance of Nova Scotians in sport
- quality of leaders in sport, recreation, and fitness
- attitudes and awareness of benefits of participation in sport, recreation, and fitness
- public safety when participating in sport, recreation, and fitness activities

And is responsible for community and organizational development through the quality of advice, assistance, and information provided to clients in

- organizational development and effectiveness, including partnerships
- leadership development
- values, ethics, and attitudes in sport, recreation, and fitness
- equity and access
- athlete development
- facility development, maintenance, and operations
- safety and risk management
- resource acquisition and allocation

And is responsible for

- client and public satisfaction with the Sport and Recreation Commission
- quality of leadership and advocacy within government of the benefits of sport, recreation, and fitness
- fairness and equity of disbursement of resources
- staff performance and morale
- costs, cost-effectiveness, and condition of finances

GOALS

The strategic goals for the Sport and Recreation Commission over the next three years are

1 Improve participation in physically active sport and recreation opportunities, particularly among children and youth. Physical inactivity is an established health risk, and progress will result in a decrease in expenditures in health care and justice over the long term.

2. Increase and maintain access to facilities, particularly arenas, pools, schools, and trails. These facilities are focal points for communities and provide opportunities for healthy physical activity. They provide the infrastructures that attract out-of-province visitors to compete in regional, national, and international tournaments and festivals. World-class trail systems are a key part of the ecotourism industry.

3. Increase knowledge and skills of leaders in sport, recreation, and fitness. Volunteers and a relatively small number of professionals form the backbone of the system. Strengthening volunteer skills and enhancing resources available to their organizations will result in improved sport, recreation, and fitness opportunities.

4. Improve positive values and ethics associated with sport, recreation, and fitness. Service providers are seeking advice and assistance in key areas such as safety, fair play, environmental ethics, equity, and harassment and abuse. Providing this advice is key to a responsive government.

5. Increase awareness of the benefits of participation in sport, recreation, and fitness opportunities, formal and informal. More effective communication is needed to inform the decision makers in government and the public at large that investment in sport and recreation is an investment in the overall health and well-being of our communities.

6. Develop planning and policy initiatives on the role of the Sport and Recreation Commission with regard to a number of issues including aboriginal sport, municipal role in recreation, voluntarism, and resource allocation.

CORE BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

The Sport and Recreation Commission is a catalyst and facilitator that supports the delivery of sport and recreation opportunities to all Nova Scotians. Specific roles are to

- provide information and consulting services to municipalities and provincial sport and recreation organizations
- provide leadership development for volunteers and professionals
- advocate for sport, recreation, and fitness in and outside of government
- coordinate provincial planning and policy development for sport, recreation, and fitness
- provide funding for sport and recreation organizations—directly and indirectly

PRIORITIES FOR 1999–2000

Physical Activity

- coordinate an interdepartmental committee to address the health and social risks associated with physical inactivity among children and youth; fewer than a third are active enough for health benefits
- host Atlantic Symposium with Dalhousie University on measuring physical activity rates that optimize health and social benefits among Nova Scotian children and youth
- develop a plan to implement regular measurements of physical activity rates on a population basis among children and youth
- develop a provincial plan, in co-operation with key provincial organizations and government departments, that will increase activity levels of children and youth
- deliver six regional pilot projects focused on various models of improving physical activity for children and youth

- coordinate distribution of resource materials on Active Living e.g., Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living and the new Guide for Older Adults

- deliver Summeractive '99, which provides communities, schools, and workplaces with resource materials to celebrate and promote physical activity

Sport and Recreation Facility Development

- create a provincial inventory of major sport and recreation facilities

- continue to develop a strategic approach to plan and conserve the province's arenas and pools

- continue working with the Department of Education to ensure new school construction incorporates community use through joint agreements between school boards and municipal units

- take the lead role in the province's cross-government initiative to assist communities in the development of trails and, in particular, those initiatives identified as components of the provincial Millennium Project—the Trans Canada Trail

- review the established Recreation Facility Development policy to ensure the latest provincial trends and priorities are properly addressed

- develop a provincial strategy to deal with facility risk-management issues

Leadership Development

- sponsor a provincial training and development forum on youth recreation for volunteers and staff from youth drop-in centres across the province

- sponsor a leadership forum for board and staff members of provincial sport and recreation organizations

- increase the number of youth involved in leadership development opportunities

- take a leadership role with Sport Nova Scotia and Recreation Nova Scotia regarding professional development in sport and recreation

- provide training and development initiatives for volunteers and professionals in municipal recreation

- enhance training opportunities for high-performance Nova Scotian coaches and athletes through services offered by the National Training Centre—Atlantic

Policy and Planning

- develop a Sport and Recreation Commission policy on our role in assisting the aboriginal community with sport, recreation, and fitness

- take a lead role in developing policy and guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of municipalities in recreation, in co-operation with the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, Recreation Nova Scotia, and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

- integrate recreation and voluntarism into social and economic policy frameworks being developed by the province

- clarify the Sport and Recreation Commission's role with municipalities, volunteer groups, provincial sport and recreation groups, and government departments

- develop a position paper for government on a corporate approach to voluntarism and volunteer organizations

- prepare a discussion paper on financing the public sport and recreation delivery system

- review the provincial organization funding policy in preparation for the next assessment cycle in year 2000

- evaluate client satisfaction with services provided through the Sport and Recreation Administration Centre

Values and Ethics

- sponsor a training and development initiative for provincial sport and recreation organizations on safety and risk management
- assist the Junior League and Nova Scotia Council for the Family in design of a resource kit and speakers bureau for parents that promotes safe sport and recreation opportunities
- secure additional resources for promoting and implementing Fair & Safe Play initiatives throughout the province with schools and provincial sport organizations
- sponsor a training session for provincial sport and recreation organizations on screening volunteers and staff who work in positions of trust with children
- assist provincial sport organizations with the development and implementation of fair and safe play initiatives, e.g., support the Nova Scotia Hockey Association with the hosting of the first Fair Play Hockey Conference
- with partners in the sport and recreation community ensure that the appropriate leadership and coordination is in place to reduce abuse and harassment in sport and recreation
- convene a meeting of fair play contacts from provincial sport organizations to assist in the development of a fair play network for provincial sport organizations (PSOs) to exchange trends, initiatives, and issues around fair play
- in conjunction with the disabled sport community, determine strategies for the development of sport for people with disabilities
- create a framework, in conjunction with PSOs, to increase the level of female participation in coaching and board activity

Advocacy on Benefits

- increase the level of Nova Scotia–based research on the benefits of sport and recreation e.g., the economic impact of hosting sport and recreation events

- raise awareness within government of the risks and costs of physical inactivity of Nova Scotians

- continue to work with Recreation Nova Scotia and Sport Nova Scotia with regard to the further roll-out of the "Building Healthier Communities" campaign

- create and distribute a resource kit in conjunction with partners within sport and recreation focused on illustrating to the school system the role we can play in dealing with the social and health issues of our children and youth

Internal Resources

- explore the effectiveness and capacity of the commission to use technology, in particular video and audio conferencing, as community development tools

- create a professional development plan for all staff of the commission

- implement a comprehensive performance management strategy at all levels of the commission

- develop a strategy in conjunction with our sport and recreation partners to secure additional resources for the sport and recreation system

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INTRODUCTION

The Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission's main objectives in 1999–2000 focused on meeting the sport and recreation demands of Nova Scotians while continuing to maintain quality and level of service.

During the 1999–2000 fiscal year, government undertook an extensive review of government programs and services. As a reflection of government's recognition of the value of physical activity in ensuring the health, social and economic well-being of Nova Scotians, the commission's 1999–2000 budget was maintained at the 1998–99 level.

RECREATION

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor Leadership Development and Safety

The Outdoor Leadership Development and Safety program areas support the development and implementation of programs that nurture outdoor leadership and address outdoor recreation safety issues. This is often achieved through partnerships with other government departments, municipalities, provincial organizations, and community groups. Specific examples include the following:

- **Nova Scotia Outdoor Leadership Development Program:** Currently, in its 21st year, this internationally acclaimed program delivers eight modules and other special initiatives on an annual basis to approximately 200 outdoor leaders/enthusiasts. Content includes leadership, survival, camping skills, ethics, interpretation, navigation, risk management and wilderness first aid. A volunteer advisory committee helps manage the program which uses 35 different instructors. Annual budget: $13,000

  Through the Peak Experiences program, leaders are trained in the Adventure-Based Therapy Camp initiative offered by the Department of Justice. Budget: $6,300

- **Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service:** In co-operation with the Lifesaving Society, the commission provided supervision at 18 beaches throughout the province either directly or in partnership with municipal units. A low estimate of 200,000 patrons visited these beaches in July and August 1999 without fatality. Annual budget: $290,000

- **Becoming an Outdoors Woman:** Coordinated by the Department of Natural Resources, Becoming an Outdoors Woman provided an outdoor experience for 100 women who wanted to gain some skills and knowledge in outdoor pursuits such as hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities. Held at the Tim Horton's Camp in Tatamagouche in May, 45 volunteer instructors delivered 26 different program areas. Grant to Becoming an Outdoors Woman: $3,000

- **Lost! and Found! An Outdoor Survival Program for Children:** This initiative provides resources (background information, learning activities, and posters) at no cost. Since its inception approximately 10 years ago, more than 90,000 children and adults have been exposed to the concepts of basic survival. Budget: $1,000

Support to Provincial Outdoor Recreation Organizations

Ongoing consultation, coordination, and funding are the three key areas in which the commission supports outdoor organizations. Block funding was introduced in 1997. Organizations are scored and assessed on their ability to meet criteria in three specific areas.

TABLE I
OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS
1999–2000

Organization	Amount
Block Funding (based upon assessments conducted two years previous)	
Bicycle Nova Scotia	8,000
Camping Association of Nova Scotia	8,000
Canadian Ski Patrol	19,000
Canoe Nova Scotia	30,000
Climb Nova Scotia	8,000
Cross Country Ski Nova Scotia	19,000
Lifesaving Society	30,000
Nova Scotia Trails Federation	30,000
Nova Scotia Underwater Council	12,000
Orienteering Association of Nova Scotia	8,000
Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia	42,000
Project Funding	
Air Cadets	3,000
ATV Association of Nova Scotia	3,500
Canadian Hostelling Association	6,000
Cross Country Skiing Nova Scotia (Winter Green project)	15,000
Duke of Edinburgh Award	6,000
Ecology Action Centre	2,200
Girl Guides of Canada	6,725
Heart and Stroke Foundation	2,500
Heartwood	6,350
Nova Scotia Sea School	9,200
Nova Scotia Trails Federation (Trans Canada Trail)	32,500
Red Cross	5,150
Scouts Canada	8,195
Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia	1,000

Trail Development and Promotion

This service area helps create a positive climate for community groups and municipalities to deliver trail opportunities throughout the province. Commission staff supported the trail movement in the following ways:

- co-managed, with the Department of Natural Resources, the Rails to Trails Policy for Nova Scotia
- sat on the Economic Diversification Agreement's trails committee, responsible for distributing $2 million in trail grants; other committee members were the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and the provincial Departments of Tourism and Culture, Environment and Labour, and Natural Resources.
- animated two planning sessions for Cape Breton's island-wide Pathways Initiative
- sat on the Nova Scotia Trans Canada Trail Council
- chaired the Nova Scotia government Trans Canada Trail Working Group (10 departments)
- hosted the first volunteer/government trails workshop in Truro in November, which attracted 144 participants
- continued to work closely with the Nova Scotia Geomatics Centre to deliver the Trail Information Project and integrate it with the national TrailPaq initiative of Go for Green—additional budget: $11,000
- sat on the Nova Scotia Coastal Water Trail advisory committee and funded the initiative through the Ecology Action Centre
- supported attendance of Nova Scotians at a national trails conference in Owen Sound—budget $3,000
- distributed the results of A Survey of Nova Scotia Hiking Trail Users
- reprinted the trails manual
- initiated development of guidelines for abandoned rail line bridge conversion
- consulted with community trail groups

Intergovernmental Initiatives

Working closely with other government agencies at the provincial and federal levels is vital to the advancement of our outdoor recreation agenda, particularly in the area of trails.

Following are some of the activities/committees assisted during 1999–2000:

- sat on the interdepartmental Off Highway Vehicle Committee (seven departments involved)
- chaired the interdepartmental Trans Canada Trail Working Group, responsible for coordinating the Trans Canada Trail government priority millennium project
- sat on the Bikeways Committee of the New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers
- acted as an advisor to Voluntary Planning's Land Resources Coordinating Council
- sat on the Economic Diversification Agreement's trail committee (four departments involved)

Go for Green

Go for Green is a national organization created by Health Canada in 1992 and supported by the provinces. It develops and delivers community-based programs that encourage outdoor recreation that protects, enhances, or restores the environment. The commission's commitment to this organization and its programs resulted in many benefits to Nova Scotians. In 1999–2000 the commission provided support in the following initiatives:

- chaired the national Go for Green Committee
- sat on the Nova Scotia Go for Green Committee, comprised of the commission, the Department of Environment and Labour, Clean Nova Scotia, and Recreation Nova Scotia, and helped manage the Nova Scotia Go for Green Fund, which supports community initiatives

- chaired a number of Go for Green national committees including Wintergreen and Greenways. The Greenways committee was responsible for the TrailPaq initiative, which led to an expanded trail inventory in Nova Scotia and to five seasonal, half full-time positions in the province

- circulated information and resources on Active Safe Routes to School, Active Transportation, and Active Gardening

Outdoor Leadership Development

This program ensures that Nova Scotians are provided with safe, quality, and environmentally sound outdoor experiences by assisting in the development of the appropriate skills, knowledge, and attitudes of outdoor leaders in the province.

The commission provided funds/expertise in the following initiatives:

- delivered the Nova Scotia Outdoor Leadership Development (NSOLD) Program in co-operation with a minister's volunteer committee: the program comprises seven weekend modules and a leadership school; approximately 160 students, outdoor enthusiasts, scout and guide leaders, and teachers participated this year

- supported leadership training initiatives (e.g., trail workshops, canoe trip leadership) undertaken by not-for-profit agencies

- supported NSOLD instructor training

- supported leadership development within community groups, particularly trail groups

- funded and served on the organizing committee for the Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop, in co-operation with regional offices and the Department of Natural Resources

- produced the Outdoor Resource Directory in partnership with New Media Services

TABLE III
OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
1999–2000

Organization	Amount
Heartwood	925
Boys and Girls Clubs	6,000
Nova Scotia Wildlife Federation	2,000
NSOLD Program	13,000
Peak Experiences	2,000

Consulting Service

Outdoor recreation consulting is provided to federal and other provincial government departments, municipalities, community groups, individuals, and provincial organizations (both staff and volunteers) on a regular and ad hoc basis.

Following are some of the activities/committees assisted during 1999–2000:

- chaired Go for Green! The Active Living Environments Program and served on the Nova Scotia Go for Green! Fund Committee with the Recreation Association of Nova Scotia (RANS), the Clean Nova Scotia Foundation, and the Department of Environment and Labour
- served on numerous economic development and tourism committees, including Nature Tourism, Marine Tourism, and Off-Season Tourism
- worked closely with various sectors of the Department of Natural Resources to purchase over 500 kilometres of abandoned rail lines, implement Rails to Trails Policy, provide Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia access to Crown land, provide trail workshops, and further the work towards a provincial trail construction manual
- served as an advisor to the Land Resources Coordinating Council
- sustained an ongoing commitment to serve on the Nova Scotia Trans Canada Trail Council, Sport Nova Scotia Administrative Advisory Committee

- nurtured the development of the All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Association of Nova Scotia, the Ceilidh Trails Association, and the Aspotogan Trails Association and supported the work of many of the 50 community trail groups and 50 other agencies involved in trail development in Nova Scotia

- worked with the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS) to begin preliminary development of an adventure tourism certification program

- served on the Children and Youth Action Committee (CAYAC) camp sub-committee with the Departments of Education, Justice, Community Services, and Health to develop an adventure-based counselling program for youth at risk

- supported and facilitated the passing of the new Occupiers Liability Act

- initiated the Abandoned Rail Line Audit with the Coordinator of Facility Development, Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia, and the Nova Scotia Trails Federation

RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

PROVINCIAL POLICY AND PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Regional Services

The Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission provided coordination and management for six regional offices and their services. See the Regional Services section of this report for further details on Regional Services.

Information Development and Dissemination

- supported an electronic database, Leisure Information Network, which provides information on recreation trends, issues, and best practices for practitioners in recreation, sport, and physical activity

- coordinated distribution of two Canadian Guides to Healthy Physical Activity, for adults and older adults; worked with Health Canada on a new guide for children and youth

- participated with federal/provincial governments in supporting a measurement and tracking system to monitor progress towards national goal of reducing the number of inactive Canadians by 10 per cent by 2003

- provided training on physical activity trends and interventions on a demand basis

Physical Activity for Children and Youth (PACY)

With two-thirds of Canadian children and youth not being active enough for desired health benefits, the commission played a lead role in the provincial government's interdepartmental Physical Activity for Children and Youth (PACY) committee. PACY is aimed at decreasing physical inactivity levels of children and youth and includes the Departments of Health, Education, and Community Services and the Nova Scotia Youth Secretariat.

PACY's key activities included joint sponsorship, with Dalhousie University's School of Health and Human Performance, of a Maritime symposium on physical activity for children and youth. Keynote speaker Dr. James Sallis of San Diego State University played a major role in formulating recommendations (available on the commission's website). As a result of the recommendations, funding was received for a pilot project to measure physical activity levels of children and youth. This will form the basis of a population study to be conducted in the province.

The commission also hosted a Young and Active conference, attended by 40 practitioners and more than 45 students from two public school classes, to discuss interventions to increase physical activity levels. A conference report is available under http://www.gov.ns.ca/src/publications.htm on the commission's website.

Intersectoral and Interdepartmental Collaboration

Increasingly, the Sport and Recreation Commission is working with other government departments to increase opportunities for recreation and physical activity. Over the past year, the commission played a significant role in the following government or government-related initiatives:

- social policy development
- healthy weights—nutrition and physical activity
- training needs of government youth staff
- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program
- crime prevention grant program with the Department of Justice

SummerActive '00

The commission coordinated provincial delivery of Health Canada's SummerActive program, a two-month initiative that engages municipalities, community groups, schools, workplaces, and daycares in the promotion of regular physical activity.

Community Use of Schools

The Sport and Recreation Commission worked closely with the Department of Education to advocate and coordinate municipal and community involvement in approved school construction projects. Design, construction, and joint management of schools is a cost-effective way to increase the availability of community recreation opportunities.

RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

RFD Capital Grant Program

The Recreation Facility Development (RFD) program assists municipalities and community groups in the construction, renovation, or acquisition of facilities for public recreation purposes.

TABLE V
RFD CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Cape Breton Region		
Baille Ard Recreation Association	Construct trails adjacent to residential area	10,000
Boisdale Volunteer Fire Department	Expand and renovate community hall	19,000
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Upgrade Centennial Arena	33,000
Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Wodill School	Upgrade Southend Community Centre	40,000
Consolidated Recreation Association	Carry out Life Cycle renovations to Whycocomagh Arena	11,550
David Nelson Joseph's Playground	Construct playground on Welton Street	18,000
Grand Mira & District Recreation Association	Make improvements and repairs to ballfield	2,500
Grand River Fire Department	Upgrade community hall	15,000
Inverness County	Upgrade Arena	20,000
Inverness County Arena	Continue Life Cycle plan for Inverness Arena	10,000
New Waterford & District Community Centre	Expand community arena	17,000
New Waterford & District Community Centre	Expand community centre	35,000
Port Morien Royal Canadian Legion Br. #55	Bring centre up to fire code	16,000
Richmond County	Upgrade Arena	50,000
Two Rivers Development Association	Create outdoor multimedia cultural interpretation	19,600

TABLE V (continued)
RFD CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Central Region		
Girl Guides of Canada	Renovate existing facility at Camp Kanada	5,000
Greater Chebucto Community Association	Develop trails for Pennant Point Coastal Trail	20,000
Halifax Regional Development Agency	Assist with development of Bedford-Sackville connector trail	50,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Make repairs to Centennial Pool	15,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Replace playground equipment at Atlantic View School	10,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Rehabilitate Basinview sports field	20,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Replace gym floor at Chocolate Lake Community Centre	12,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Develop playground and trail at Fall River Village	10,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Upgrade Kennedy Drive playground	9,500
Halifax Regional Municipality	Replace boiler and upgrade ventilation at Wm Spry.	16,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Repair skimmer and replace deck Bedford Lions Pool	16,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	LeBrun Centre conservation	79,000
Halifax Regional Municipality	Eastern Shore Highschool Basketball Courts	9,700
Halifax Regional School Board	Replace playground equipment Bel Ayr School	3,000
Halifax Regional School Board	Replace playground equipment at Ash Lee Jefferson School	14,000
Halifax Regional School Board	Replace playground equipment Colby Elementary School	8,900
Ship Harbour Community Hall	Install multi-purpose pad and renovate hall	8,000
St. James United Church	Renovate community hall	25,000
W. Chezzetcook/Grand Desert Recreation Society	Renovate St. Terese Elementary School	25,000
YWCA of Halifax	Renovate pool/gym and create health/wellness centre	45,000

TABLE V (continued)
RFD CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Fundy Region		
Amherst, Town of	Carry out work on soccer field complex	5,500
Chignecto Central Regional School Board	Build outdoor recreation area at Wallace Consolidated	3,000
Chignecto Central Regional School Board	Carry out work on community use facility	10,000
Chignecto Central Regional School Board	Improve soccer field at Rawdon District	8,000
Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex	Year 2 of Life Cycle Plan	31,000
Londonderry Community Council	Upgrade community hall	4,500
Municipal District of East Hants	Community use of school	50,000
North Shore Recreation Centre	Complete Year 2 of Life Cycle Plan	12,000
Parrsboro Curling Club	Upgrade curling rink	10,000
Springhill, Town of	Complete Year 1 of Life Cycle Plan	15,000
Stewiacke, Town of	Enhance and beautify Dennis Park	11,000
Trustees of Riverside Community Hall	Upgrade community hall	3,000
West Colchester Recreation Association	Complete Year 2 of Life Cycle Plan	20,000
Highland Region		
Antigonish, Town of	Renovate Columbus Field	30,000
Four-Valleys VFD & Recreation Organization	Renovate fire hall	24,770
Greenfield Sports Centre Association	Add wheelchair ramp	3,500
Lansdowne Outdoor Recreation Development Association	Renovate park for seniors and disabled persons	17,000

TABLE V (continued)
RFD CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
New Glasgow Scotia Rink Commission	Replace Ice Slab	50,000
New Glasgow Youth Centre	Renovate youth centre	29,500
Pictou Community New Horizons Club	Renovate senior citizens club	28,000
St. Frances Xavier University	Develop Millennium Centre	(500,000)
Trenton Community Rink	Renovate Trenton Community Rink	100,000
South Shore Region		
Aspotogan Trails Association	Develop trails	70,000
Bridgewater, Town of	Develop trails	40,000
Kippers School of Gymnastics	Develop gymnastics facility	40,000
Rosedale New Horizons Seniors Club	Upgrade community hall	1,200
Shelburne County Trails Association	Develop trails	1,875
Shelburne Curling Club	Replace curling rink	55,000
Southwest Regional School Board	Develop 8-lane track at Barrington Municipal High	30,000
Town and Municipality of Yarmouth	Meadowfields School community use	100,000
Yarmouth Multi-Purpose Centre	Construct multi-purpose centre	425,000
Valley Region		
Annapolis County, Municipality of	Assist with trail development	8,000
Apple Tree Landing Children's Centre	Construct new centre	30,000
AVRSB-Annapolis Valley Elementary School	Develop playground	15,000

TABLE V (continued)
RFD CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
AVRSB-Brooklyn Elementary School	Develop community trail	9,000
AVRSB-Clark Rutherford Memorial School	Purchase and repair playground equipment	10,000
AVRSB-Sandra Cleary	Purchase and renovate playground equipment	5,000
AVRSB-Somerset & District Elementary	Purchase playground equipment and benches	5,000
Berwick & District Community Association	Upgrade rink	5,000
Berwick Tennis Club	Improve and resurface tennis courts	1,000
Canning, Village Commission of	Complete bandstand	3,000
Clare Community Sports Complex	Make conservation upgrades to Ballfield "B"	20,000
Clare Community Sports Complex	Make conservation upgrades to Ballfield "A"	20,000
Digby & Area Recreation Commission	Carry out energy conservation work on arena	22,000
Fundy View Community Centre	Modernize and upgrade community centre	2,800
Gibson Woods United Baptist Church	Upgrade interior and exterior of community centre	12,000
Halls Harbour Community Development Association	Develop wheelchair-accessible walkways	8,000
Kingston Recreation Committee	Construct playground	7,400
Morden Community Association	Upgrade community centre	10,000
New Minas, Village of	Construct field house building	10,000
Port Williams Recreation Committee	Develop soccer field	25,000
Sheffield Mills Community Association	Carry out addition and improvements to centre	25,000
Tiverton Recreation Committee	Construct ballfield	6,000

TABLE V (continued)
RFD CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
West Hants, Municipality of District of	Construct two soccer fields	13,000
West Paradise Community Club	Reshingle roof; construct ramp	1,800
Westport Village Commission	Replace community centre	20,000
Windsor Recreation Commission	Construct play structure at Elmcroft Park	5,000
Wolfville Lawn Bowling Club	Assist with correcting the foundation of club	1,702

Facility Planning and Resources

The Recreation Facility Planning component enables the commission to use consultants or specialists to assist the commission and its clients in establishing information and needs of province-wide significance. Also, it enables the commission to identify, acquire, or develop resources to assist facility owners, operators, and planners.
In 1999–2000 staff participated in various committees, conferences, etc., related to recreation facilities planning, operation, and management. In addition, the commission

- provided financial assistance of $5,000 to DalTech and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to create a computer model forecasting ventilation patterns at the LeBrun Centre in Bedford
- purchased Nova Scotia demographic data from Statistics Canada to assist municipalities and community organizations in facility planning
- provided the Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia with $1,000 in financial assistance to publish Air Quality Guidelines for Arenas in Nova Scotia

Planning Assistance Program

The Planning Assistance Program enables users to hire specialists' expertise for particular planning or study projects.

TABLE VI
PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Cape Breton Region		
Cape Breton Co. Trails Association	Planning study	5,000
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Building evaluation of Glace Bay Youth Centre	800
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Exhibition grounds study	15,000
Central Region		
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Simulation of ventilation and air quality for LeBrun Centre	5,000
Leisure Experiences Associates	Study	1,035
Recreation Facilities Association of Nova Scotia	Administration of 3M Fair and Safe Play	2,500
Recreation Facilities Association of Nova Scotia	Air Quality Booklet	1,500
Statistics Canada	Demographic data	460
South Shore Region		
Medway Area Communities Association	Development plan for public access	3,000
Municipality of the District of Chester	Planning study for trail development	4,970
Queens Recreational Boating Association	Waterfront park plan	2,100
Valley Region		
Aldershot Elementary School	Landscape plan	500
Cornwallis Park Development Association	Feasibility study of Aquatic Wellness Centre	5,000

Leadership Development

Leadership Development supports the management and operation of a provincial recreation facility organization by providing leadership and operational grants.

The Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia received $41,000 in funding. This was the seventh year of operation for the association, which was formed on January 20, 1992 as a result of the amalgamation of the former Arena Managers and Aquatic Facility Managers Associations. Members represent approximately 100 pool and arena facilities.

A major conference and annual meeting held in June were successful.

SPORT

The Sport section offers financial, consultative, and advisory assistance to approximately 50 provincial sport organizations and their members through the administration of a variety of grant programs. The provincial organizations are primarily volunteer-based.

The commission recognizes that it has a role to play in supporting and encouraging provincial and community sport organizations in their efforts to provide quality programs and experiences for their members.

The commission provides assistance through the following programs and services to support the development and provision of sport opportunities for Nova Scotians.

SPORT NOVA SCOTIA

The Sport and Recreation Commission helps Sport Nova Scotia to function in its capacity as the provincial sport federation and in its role of providing administrative services to provincial sport and recreation organizations.

Sport Nova Scotia provides meeting and office space and secretarial, mail, telephone, printing, and photocopying services to approximately 80 provincial sport and recreation organizations.

The Sport Nova Scotia grant for 1999–2000 was $515,000 ($210,000 for Sport Federation; $305,000 for administrative services).

BLOCK FUNDING

The Annual Block Funding program provides funding to help provincial sport organizations hire full-time or part-time employees to assist with the administration and/or technical components of the volunteer, not-for-profit sport organizations.

Block funding to provincial sport organizations is based on a four-year cycle. At the beginning of every four-year cycle, organizations are assessed on their ability to meet criteria in three principal areas: athlete development, leadership, and organizational effectiveness.

In 1999–2000 the commission provided assistance to 29 provincial sport organizations towards the hiring of full- or part-time staff (15 full-time, 14 part-time).

SPORT HERITAGE CENTRE

The Sport Heritage Centre ensures that Nova Scotia's strong sport heritage and culture is promoted and preserved for the knowledge and pride of Nova Scotians now and in the future. The 1999–2000 budget for the centre was $55,000.

Highlights for the year include the Annual Induction Night, when four athletes, three builders, and one team were inducted to the centre's Hall of Fame.

HOSTING

Each year several provincial sport organizations host national meetings and championships. The objective of the Hosting Program is to provide financial assistance to groups hosting such events, depending on the size, scope, and cost of the event.

The program supports provincial sport organizations' bids and efforts to attract such events, because of both the direct benefit to the sport community and the economic benefit to the province and host region.

Assistance was provided to 13 organizations towards 22 events, including:

- boxing—Canadian Junior National Championship
- golf—Ladies National Club Team Championship
- softball—Midget Girls National Championship

The budget for 1999–2000 was $27,750.

ELITE ATHLETE ASSISTANCE

The objective of the program is to increase the number of Nova Scotian athletes competing on national teams or high-performance competitions. Financial assistance is provided to assist athletes who are of national and international calibre to attend events that would upgrade their competitive skills. The program provided assistance to over 40 athletes to attend approximately 50 events in 17 different sports. The program budget was $27,000.

SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Financial assistance was provided for the development of specific sport organizations. The program's total budget was $30,500. Programs supported include:

- Jeux de l'Acadie
- Blind Sport
- Disabled Ski
- Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Sport and Recreation Circle

COACHING AND OFFICIATING

The objective of this program is to advance coaching development by providing the theoretical component and course conductor training of the 3M National Coaching Certification Program (3M NCCP). The commission provides block funding to assist sports with 3M NCCP technical and practical training. In addition, the commission is an active partner of the National Sport Centre—Atlantic.

Block funding is provided to assist sports with officials' development.

During 1999–2000, the following courses in coaching were offered:

- 30 Level 1 theory courses
- 3 Level 2 theory courses
- 3 Level 3 theory courses

The budget for this program was $70,000.

CANADA GAMES

The Canada Games provides a focus for the growth and development of amateur sport at the provincial level and provides an opportunity for high-calibre national competition for participants who have undergone special selection and training.

In 1999–2000 the commission partnered with Sport Nova Scotia and the Canada Games Management Group (CGMG) to

- establish a mechanism for input from the sport community into Canada Games policy development
- continue to improve the entire range of sport development through the Canada Games (initiation, recreational, competitive, elite) in all regions of Nova Scotia
- increase technical support to the Canada Games sports

- increase the quality of athlete and team preparation for Canada Games

- provide corporate support for sport development

The commission, through the CGMG, provides an avenue for approximately 44 provincial sport organizations that are part of the Canada Games program to improve the quality and quantity of national-level athletes, coaches, and officials.

The games strengthen mutual understanding among all participants and encourage national unity through sport.

The budget for the Canada Games was $53,000.

OLYMPIC TRUST

The Olympic Trust provides financial assistance for the training, development, and preparation of athletes, coaches, officials, and support staff. Their performance at the national/international level represents a true indication of their potential to compete and/or participate in the Olympic or Paralympic Games.

The Olympic Trust provided assistance to approximately 25 individuals in their efforts to participate at the 2000 Olympic or Paralympic Games.

Some individuals receiving assistance in 1999–2000 were:

- Scott MacIntosh, athlete, boxing

- Steve Giles, athlete, canoe

- Andrew Haley, athlete, swimming

- Karen Furneaux, athlete, canoe

CONSULTATIVE STAFF SERVICES

The commission provides administrative and consulting services to the volunteer boards and staff of 65 volunteer provincial sport organizations.

During 1999–2000 the commission provided

- a base level of consultative services to approximately 50 volunteer provincial sport organizations
- assistance in personnel selection and management of provincial sport organization staff positions
- 3M Fair & Safe Play school inservices
- consultation on the provincial assessment tool

REGIONAL SERVICES

The Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission has six regional offices strategically located throughout Nova Scotia. These are Cape Breton (Cape Breton Island), Central (Halifax Regional Municipality), Fundy (municipalities of East Hants and counties of Cumberland and Colchester), Highland (counties of Guysborough, Antigonish, and Pictou), South Shore (counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg), and Valley (municipalities of West Hants and Clare and counties of Annapolis, Kings, and Digby).

Regional offices work with municipal councils, recreation departments, and community-based volunteer recreation agencies and organizations. A number of Sport and Recreation Commission programs and services in sport, municipal recreation facilities, and outdoor recreation are delivered through the regional offices.

TABLE VII
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Cape Breton		
Isle Madame Fitness Centre	Develop a fitness centre	1,250
Cape Breton Co. Economic Development Authority	Assist with a sport industry project	3,000
New Waterford Coal Bowl Classic	Assist with basketball tournament	2,500
Vince Ryan Oldtimers Hockey Tournament	Assist with expansion of the female division of the tournament	2,000
Cape Breton Regional Municipal Recreation Department	Develop a physical activity pilot project	10,000
Northside Community Pool	Assist with water safety program	500
Richmond County Recreation Department	Initiate annual senior's festival	1,300
Celtic Music Renaissance Campaign	Initiate annual golfing event	800
Sydney River Tennis Association	Initiate summer youth tennis program	400
Sydney & District Little League	Expand baseball opportunities for disadvantaged children	260
Cape Breton Wellness Centre	Provide leadership development for youth centre leaders	2,121
Pathways Steering Committee	Assist with workshop on trail and waterways development	700
Central		
St. Margaret's Bay Minor Basketball Association	Create a basketball league	1,000
East Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club	Foster the sport of floor hockey for youth	1,000
Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association	Assist start-up	500
Wanderers Lawn Bowling Club	Increase membership and promote the game	500
Heart Talk	Provide teen portion of Heart Talk '99	300
Halifax Hustlers Orienteering	Map Dollar Lake and Hemlock Ravine	1,000

TABLE VII (continued)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Nova Scotia Chess Association	Foster growth in chess	1,000
Future Kids Recreation Society	Assist start-up	1,000
Halifax Regional Development Agency	Assist trail management and development	1,500
Chebucto Boys & Girls Club	Assist organizational costs	3,000
Sackville Sports Stadium	Organize a wellness conference	600
Mineville Community Association	Provide recreational facilities	500
St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay School	Develop theatre project	1,500
Heart & Stroke Foundation of NS	Develop healthy school award	2,000
Regional Youth & Fitness Centre	Organize youth boxing program	1,500
HRM Recreation & Leisure Services	Provide summer managers' training camp	650
Fundy		
Colchester Trails Association	Assist trail development & promotion	2,000
Amherst Parks & Recreation	Produce a leisure opportunities guide	1,500
Amherst Japan Karate Association	Assist leadership development	650
Municipality of County of Colchester	Produce a leisure opportunities guide	1,500
Parrsboro & Area Community Development Society	Assist organization start-up	2,000
Scotia Pool Society	Assist start-up	1,500
Springhill Sport Carnival	Assist cross-country ski workshop	200
Canadian Firefighters Association	Carry out curling championships survey	1,200
Northport Community Organization	Carry out feasibility study	700
Fundy Youth Soccer	Expand program	1,500
Girl Guides of Canada	Assist camp program	500

TABLE VII (continued)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Oxford Pioneer Heritage Club	Expand programs	380
Cumberland YMCA	Assist new programs	1,200
Highland		
Guysborough Municipal Recreation Community	Facilitate one-day planning session for council, recreation & senior staff	575
Town of Pictou Recreation Tourism & Culture Commission	Develop services/programs	5,000
Antigonish Community Education Program	Assist McKnight Conference	900
Teen Action Group of Pictou County	Assist program to research youth recreation and social/mental health	500
Highland Region Recreation Coordinators	Assist professional development for recreation coordinator	1,200
Antigonish County Recreation Community	Pilot research project to explore issues in eastern Antigonish County	720
Antigonish County Recreation Community	Hire recreation assistant	3,000
Town of Pictou Recreation & Tourism	Facilitate one-day results-oriented session for staff and commission	550
Abingdon Ltd Consulting	Provide consulting services	847
Green Way Claymore Inn	Assist with consultant expenses	537.01
Antigonish County Recreation	Improve communications with public recreation opportunities	1,500
Port Bickerton & Area Planning	Assist trail system interpretative signage	1,000
Antigonish Golf & Country Club	Study secure water to irrigate course	3,000
South Shore		
Barrington Municipal Recreation & Facilities Department	Assist summer staff leadership skills development	500
Lunenburg Queens Recreation Coordinators	Support trail coordinator position	2,000
Argyle Pubnico Trail Blazers Association	Assist trail development startup	500

TABLE VII (continued)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Lunenburg Queens Recreation	Assist youth aquatic leadership development	1,000
Municipality of Shelburne	Assist risk management and liability workshop	140
Shelburne Curling Club	Assist junior curling	527
Bay to Trails Association	Assist startup	500
Lockeport Recreation Department	Support development of after-school program	2,000
Camp Peniel	Assist water craft program expansion	800
Municipality of Argyle	Assist with hosting trail development workshop	800
Municipality of Argyle	Assist volunteer training and development	500
Lunenburg County Steering Committee	Assist public transportation pilot study	500
Lunenburg Municipal Recreation opportunities for females	Assist development and launch of sport and recreation	1,000
Town of Mahone Bay	Establish a youth action team	1,000
The Opus Youth Center	Assist summer program development	800
Region of Queens Municipality	Assist Kids on the Move Fund startup	1,000
Elderfit Lunenburg	Assist expansion for aerobic and aqua exercise	1,500
Valley		
New Minas Youth Drop In Centre	Purchase sports equipment	2,000
SummerActive '99 Campaign	Assist advertising and promotion	1,102.83
Tobeatic Wilderness Committee	Assist wilderness area education and promotion	2,700
Valley Minor Football	Assist youth football program	3,000
Warriors of the Cross Youth Group	Assist youth recreation program	492.24
Western PACY	Assist physically active youth program	2,000
New Minas Minor Volleyball	Assist youth volleyball program	400

TABLE VII (continued)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Annapolis Valley Lake & Ridge	Assist trail signage	1,577.12
Women's Place	Assist healthy lifestyles program	1,200
Kings Co Parks & Recreation	Assist Cornwallis River Greenway Project	390
Kentville Parks & Recreation	Assist Turf Management Workshop	114.98
Digby Area Recreation Community	Purchase curling brooms for juniors.	350
Clare Recreation Department	Assist volunteer screening workshop	330.70
Clare Recreation Department	Assist youth basketball program	415
Canning Recreation Community	Assist youth basketball program	1,200
Berwick Recreation Department	Assist fitness program	705
Annapolis Royal Recreation Committee	Assist gymnastics program	500
Bridgetown Curling Club	Purchase junior curling stones	1,500

Consultation Service

Sport and Recreation Commission regional staff provide consultation to clients on a wide range of issues, including strategic planning, administration and management, project management, professional development, facility design and management, and program design assessment and evaluation.

During 1999–2000, commission staff provided consultative assistance to clients and projects listed below.

Cape Breton Region

- consulted with Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Sport & Recreation Circle staff on an Aboriginal sport development document
- consulted on the development of a series of leadership opportunities for youth centre leaders

- participated in the facilitation of a provincial Trans Canada Trail conference
- provided consultation services to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Department of Culture, Recreation & Facilities on a recreation needs assessment
- provided consultation services to the Northside Millennium Project on a feasibility study for a major sport/recreation facility
- participated on the Network Council of the Network for Children and Youth of Eastern Nova Scotia
- acted as committee chair for the Active Transportation Committee in Cape Breton County, a multi-disciplinary group working on initiatives in support of more active lifestyles
- delivered an information session on general administration of a non-profit organization to board members of an Inverness County youth centre

Central Region

- provided consultative services to Halifax Regional Municipality Parks and Recreation Department in preparing the following: Level 1 Business Plan for 2000; Community Development Services Plan for 2000; process map for capital project development and implementation
- facilitated the development of a region-wide Youth Leader Network
- participated on a steering committee established to develop and implement the "Our Healthy School—Watch Us Grow" initiative
- facilitated a needs analysis workshop for the Dartmouth East Resource Providers Network
- conducted a one-day workshop for Halifax Regional Municipality's Parks Division supervisors focusing on issues identification
- supported the Regional Trails Task Team in organizing the annual Regional Trails Conference and assisted in facilitating a provincial Trans Canada Trail conference

- provided ongoing advisory support to several organizations in facility development planning

Fundy Region

- conducted workshops on various topics, including planning, organizational effectiveness, and Fair Play
- facilitated a strategic planning process for the Town of Amherst Parks and Recreation Committee
- facilitated planning workshops and a management agreement between the Cape Chignecto Provincial Park Management Committee and the Cumberland Regional Development Agency
- assisted start-up and provided ongoing support to the Parrsboro and Area Community Development Society
- provided consultation on a variety of ongoing projects, including Parrsboro Community Development Workshops, Northport Hall Renovations, Bible Hill Wellness Centre, Scotia Pool, Colchester Trails Association, and Cumberland Trails Association
- co-authored a position paper on Community Economic Development on behalf of the Inter-departmental Committee on CED
- facilitated a meeting of community development training providers on behalf of Voluntary Planning

Highland Region

- coordinated a community development workshop with St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish Regional Development Authority, Human Resources Development Canada, Nova Scotia Department of Economic Development, Antigonish CEP, and Rising Tide Co-operative in which John McKnight, a recognized world expert in community development, made a presentation to 400 professionals and volunteers from the region (approximately 50 students from the Coady Institute attended)

- assisted the Municipality of the County of Antigonish Recreation Department in expanding its program and services to the eastern portion of the county and, in co-operation with the Strait Regional School Board and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board, set up a project in the new P-12 school to improve recreation opportunities and library services to both the school and community populations

- facilitated a result planning workshop with the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and the staff of the Town of Pictou Recreation Department, conducted by Alan Parry, a nationally recognized results planner

- conducted a Community Development Workshop, animated by John Hugh Edwards of St. Francis Xavier Extension, for Municipal Recreation Coordinators/Directors in the Highland Region to help improve strategies around developing recreation from a community perspective

- worked with the Town of Pictou Recreation Department to increase physical activity for youth and reduce risk for users of recreation programs and services, as well as to increase the co-operation of the School Board and Recreation Department
- initiated results-planning processes with the towns of New Glasgow and Stellarton

- assisted the Highland Region Recreation Coordinators in developing a training program for supervisors of recreation summer programs and a training session for leaders employed primarily by recreation departments in the region.

South Shore Region

- worked with municipal recreation departments and trail groups in Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties to coordinate a Trail Development Workshop, including sessions on trail resources, multi-use trails, an interactive trail walk and discussion session, trail planning and management agreements, bridges, adjacent landowners, and rail history

- in co-operation with municipal recreation departments, Recreation Nova Scotia, and Sport Nova Scotia, assisted in coordinating four successful launches of the Building Healthier Communities Together campaign

- initiated and coordinated with the Valley Regional Representative the development of an intersectoral collaboration to promote physical activity in Western Region, the Physically Active Children and Youth initiative, which developed a two-year plan, established grant criteria to support physical activity initiatives, funded seven initiatives, and began ongoing support to physical activity work in the Western Region

- as one partner of the Heart Health partnership, contributed to the functioning of: the Regional Coalition and local Heart Health Action Teams; establishment of the Health Promotion Clearinghouse; and improvement of the capacity of Recreation Directors to contribute to healthy lifestyles

- consulted with Chester Municipal Recreation Department around roles and responsibilities, and facilitated a workshop to develop strategies for staff effectiveness, efficiency, and team building

- worked with Skate Yarmouth, and the Yarmouth Facility Steering Committee to develop criteria and a selection process for hiring an architectural firm

Valley Region

- coordinated two networking sessions bringing together professionals working in the field of health promotion

- assisted the steering committee that conducted the feasibility study on the proposed Cornwallis Aquatic Wellness Center

- initiated a process with the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board that identified schools and municipal recreation departments to review community-use arrangements

- participated in the development of the Western Region PACY (Physically Active Children and Youth) partnership, which funded and supported physical activity projects

- incorporated a physical activity component to the elementary peer education program KATS (Kids Against Tobacco Smoke) in partnership with Public Health

- organized a seminar for municipal recreation staff to review the newly enacted Municipal Government Act and its implications on recreation
- assisted the Berwick Community Association in developing a plan for a new recreation/arena facility for the community and facilitated a general public meeting
- developed a newsletter on Valley Region Sport and Recreation Commission issues, programs, and activities sent to recreation directors, schools, MLAs and various partners

Little Red Schoolhouse Grants

The little Red School House Program assists community organizations in making improvements to existing buildings for use as community centres suitable for recreational purposes.

TABLE VIII
LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Cape Breton Region		
Army Navy Air Force Club	Install ramp	2,000
Christmas Island Volunteer Fire Deptartment	Renovate kitchen	2,000
Club 55 Seniors	Replace floor	2,000
St. Patrick's Parish Hall	Install ramp	1,112.50
Central Region		
St. Peter's Parish Sheet Harbour	Renovate community hall	2,000
North Preston Recreation	Renovate community hall	2,000
St. John's Anglican Church Westphall	Renovate community hall	2,000
St. Barnabas Church	Renovate community hall	2,000

TABLE VIII (continued)
LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE GRANTS
1999–2000

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Fundy Region		
Oxford Pioneer Heritage Club	Renovate club house	2,000
Highland Region		
St. Barnabus Alter Guild	Renovate community hall	2,000
South Shore Region		
Le Chalet Girl Guide Camp	Renovate community hall	2,000
Conquerall Bank Fire Department	Renovate community hall	2,000
Port Maitland Wesleyan Church	Renovate community hall	2,000
Valley Region		
Royal Canadian Legion #21	Renovate legion	2,000
Hillsburn 4-H Hall Association	Renovate community hall	2,000

PROGRAM BUDGET 1999–2000

Grants and Assistance	
Sport Nova Scotia	300,000
Sport Heritage Centre	55,000
Leadership Development	12,500
Operational Assistance	70,900
Hosting of National Meetings/Championships	27,750
Special Initiatives	30,500
Elite Athlete Development	24,000
Coaching and Officiating	53,000
Canada Games (all costs)	160,000
Provincial Sport and Recreation Organizations	1,445,000
Community Recreation Development	120,000
Recreation Leadership Development	34,000
Facility (capital)	2,840,900
Facility Planning	80,000
Research	10,000
Provincial Lifeguard Service	290,000
Total Grants & Assistance	5,553,550
Less Recoveries	<100,000>
GRAND TOTAL	**5,453,550**